

**Table C-2A.**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,**  
**During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2000 Through 2004**

NATURE OF SUIT	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Percent Change 2004/2003
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>259,517</b>	<b>250,907</b>	<b>274,841</b>	<b>252,962</b>	<b>281,338</b>	<b>11.2</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>53,625</b>	<b>43,148</b>	<b>35,843</b>	<b>31,263</b>	<b>29,404</b>	<b>-6.0</b>
INSURANCE	7,517	7,874	8,793	8,629	8,460	-2.0
MARINE	2,446	2,505	2,122	1,912	1,676	-12.4
MILLER ACT	769	560	528	442	386	-12.7
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS	495	605	595	524	440	-16.0
RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS AND ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS	24,838	13,409	5,651	3,073	2,830	-7.9
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS	24,404	12,952	5,212	2,525	2,438	-3.5
VETERANS' OVERPAYMENT	43	118	98	84	18	-78.6
OTHER	391	339	341	464	374	-19.4
OTHER CONTRACT ACTIONS	17,560	18,195	18,154	16,683	15,612	-6.4
<b>REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>6,711</b>	<b>7,290</b>	<b>8,059</b>	<b>7,373</b>	<b>5,845</b>	<b>-20.7</b>
CONDEMNATION OF LAND	1,243	1,506	938	408	197	-51.7
FORECLOSURE	4,209	4,458	5,592	5,319	4,306	-19.1
RENT, LEASE, AND EJECTMENT TORTS TO LAND, INCLUDING PRODUCT LIABILITY	175	196	216	160	169	5.6
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	377	388	353	791	385	-51.3
OTHER REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS	707	742	960	695	788	13.4
<b>TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>36,586</b>	<b>33,663</b>	<b>62,919</b>	<b>45,054</b>	<b>55,023</b>	<b>22.1</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>32,621</b>	<b>29,789</b>	<b>58,997</b>	<b>39,563</b>	<b>50,594</b>	<b>27.9</b>
<b>PERSONAL INJURY/ PRODUCT LIABILITY, TOTAL</b>	<b>14,428</b>	<b>12,307</b>	<b>41,135</b>	<b>21,611</b>	<b>34,100</b>	<b>57.8</b>
AIRPLANE	164	118	120	101	100	-1.0
MARINE	54	39	42	34	32	-5.9
MOTOR VEHICLE	421	654	564	609	618	1.5
ASBESTOS	7,187	5,041	26,818	1,562	1,471	-5.8
OTHER	6,602	6,455	13,591	19,305	31,879	65.1
<b>OTHER PERSONAL INJURY, TOTAL</b>	<b>18,193</b>	<b>17,482</b>	<b>17,862</b>	<b>17,952</b>	<b>16,494</b>	<b>-8.1</b>
AIRPLANE	747	714	846	659	483	-26.7
MARINE	2,006	2,164	1,978	1,814	1,841	1.5
MOTOR VEHICLE	4,690	4,535	4,525	4,480	4,229	-5.6
ASSAULT, LIBEL, AND SLANDER	801	623	693	892	668	-25.1
FEDERAL EMPLOYERS LIABILITY ACT	1,108	1,067	944	975	782	-19.8
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1,526	1,429	1,463	1,607	1,313	-18.3
OTHER	7,315	6,950	7,413	7,525	7,178	-4.6

**Table C-2A. (September 30, 2004—Continued)**

NATURE OF SUIT	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Percent Change 2004/2003
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE, TOTAL</b>	<b>3,965</b>	<b>3,874</b>	<b>3,922</b>	<b>5,491</b>	<b>4,429</b>	<b>-19.4</b>
FRAUD, INCLUDING TRUTH IN LENDING	2,265	2,224	2,359	3,860	2,909	-24.6
OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,700	1,650	1,563	1,631	1,520	-6.8
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL</b>	<b>162,583</b>	<b>166,792</b>	<b>168,010</b>	<b>169,253</b>	<b>191,017</b>	<b>12.9</b>
<b>ANTITRUST</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>-1.3</b>
<b>BANKRUPTCY, TOTAL</b>	<b>3,361</b>	<b>2,950</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>3,305</b>	<b>4,145</b>	<b>25.4</b>
APPEAL (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,785	2,519	2,636	2,658	2,822	6.2
WITHDRAWAL (28 U.S.C. 157)	576	431	1,464	647	1,323	104.5
<b>BANKS AND BANKING</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>64.1</b>
<b>CIVIL RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>40,908</b>	<b>40,910</b>	<b>40,420</b>	<b>40,516</b>	<b>40,239</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
VOTING	167	195	234	147	173	17.7
EMPLOYMENT	21,032	21,157	20,955	20,507	19,746	-3.7
HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS	1,284	1,249	1,313	1,315	1,222	-7.1
WELFARE	80	61	71	65	61	-6.2
OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS	18,345	18,248	17,847	18,482	19,037	3.0
<b>COMMERCE</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>-12.6</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>1,807</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>DEPORTATION</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>13.7</b>
<b>PRISONER PETITIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>58,257</b>	<b>58,805</b>	<b>55,295</b>	<b>54,378</b>	<b>55,330</b>	<b>1.8</b>
MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE	6,341	8,644	6,107	5,832	7,137	22.4
HABEAS CORPUS—GENERAL	24,945	24,684	23,863	23,070	23,344	1.2
HABEAS CORPUS—DEATH PENALTY	274	202	236	243	225	-7.4
MANDAMUS AND OTHER	1,192	1,157	1,125	1,160	1,175	1.3
CIVIL RIGHTS	14,151	13,435	14,039	14,690	15,478	5.4
PRISON CONDITION	11,354	10,683	9,925	9,383	7,971	-15.1
<b>FORFEITURE AND PENALTY, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,320</b>	<b>1,938</b>	<b>2,119</b>	<b>2,073</b>	<b>2,146</b>	<b>3.5</b>
AGRICULTURAL ACTS	57	46	47	49	43	-12.3
FOOD AND DRUG ACT	110	58	69	72	42	-41.7
DRUG-RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY	1,117	953	1,200	1,217	1,292	6.2
AIR TRAFFIC REGULATIONS	7	4	6	19	6	-68.4
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT	4	1	5	6	7	-
OTHER FORFEITURE AND PENALTY SUITS	1,025	876	792	710	756	6.5

**Table C-2A. (September 30, 2004—Continued)**

NATURE OF SUIT	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Percent Change 2004/2003
<b>LABOR LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>14,142</b>	<b>15,195</b>	<b>18,285</b>	<b>17,318</b>	<b>18,330</b>	<b>5.8</b>
FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT	1,935	1,960	3,904	2,751	3,617	31.5
LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT	1,542	1,445	1,529	1,618	1,641	1.4
LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE ACT	101	129	84	101	81	-19.8
RAILWAY LABOR ACT	137	115	126	101	111	9.9
ERISA*	9,124	10,292	11,232	11,304	11,421	1.0
OTHER LABOR LITIGATION	1,303	1,254	1,410	1,443	1,459	1.1
<b>PROTECTED PROPERTY RIGHTS, TOTAL</b>	<b>8,738</b>	<b>8,314</b>	<b>8,254</b>	<b>8,934</b>	<b>9,590</b>	<b>7.3</b>
COPYRIGHT	2,050	2,446	2,084	2,448	3,007	22.8
PATENT	2,484	2,520	2,700	2,814	3,075	9.3
TRADEMARK	4,204	3,348	3,470	3,672	3,508	-4.5
<b>SECURITIES, COMMODITIES, AND EXCHANGES</b>	<b>2,678</b>	<b>3,538</b>	<b>3,465</b>	<b>3,189</b>	<b>3,094</b>	<b>-3.0</b>
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS, TOTAL</b>	<b>15,829</b>	<b>17,074</b>	<b>18,322</b>	<b>17,127</b>	<b>15,873</b>	<b>-7.3</b>
DISABILITY INSURANCE	8,122	8,623	8,739	7,931	7,061	-11.0
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME	6,762	7,361	8,313	7,792	7,916	1.6
RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS	855	1,004	1,164	1,324	831	-37.2
OTHER	90	86	106	80	65	-18.8
<b>RICO **</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>4.6</b>
<b>STATE REAPPORTIONMENT SUITS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TAX SUITS</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>1,151</b>	<b>1,244</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>5.6</b>
<b>CUSTOMER CHALLENGE</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>45.5</b>
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>11.3</b>
<b>CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>18.7</b>
<b>OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS</b>	<b>10,918</b>	<b>12,171</b>	<b>12,494</b>	<b>17,116</b>	<b>36,644</b>	<b>114.1</b>
<b>OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>157.9</b>

NOTE: PERCENT CHANGE NOT COMPUTED WHERE BASE IS LESS THAN 10.

\* ERISA = EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT.

\*\* RICO = RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS.